

Quarterly Newsletter July 2024

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Sensory Room Project

Friends Aware is excited and proud to introduce our new Sensory Room located at the Life Enrichment Center.

This calming sensory room includes colorful bubble tubes, a fiber optic light enclosure, custom acrylic mirrors, a projection show, bean bag chairs, Wi-Fi LED furniture, a noise cancelling sound shell chair and more! This room will benefit individuals in many ways.

Our Sensory Room Project was made possible by funding from the Allegany County Local Development Council. Our team is excited for this project that will be completed this Summer season!



Community Support

Members of
The Queen City Motors Team
participated in Day of Caring & Sharing
to improve the outdoor
area at Friends Aware!



Thanks to the Jaycees
for donating to Friends Aware!



Employees volunteered during
the Pre Wing Off Pavilion Party.
We appreciate the
support from the Wing Off Team!

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Team Work!

Day of Caring & Sharing

5th Annual Basket & Brews Event!

Employees at FAI have been working
hard on putting together our annual
Baskets & Brews event!

FAI is still accepting donations and
sponsorships for our event!

More information on this event can
be found on our Facebook page!



Open House at the Life Enrichment Center



We held an Open
House at the LEC for
transitional youth in
June.

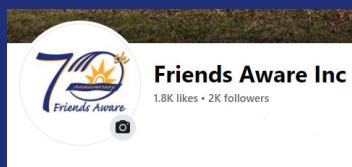


Stephanie Parks, MDS Director, led our event in which information
was provided regarding our Day Habilitation program, Community
Development Services, Personal Supports, Residential Services, and
more.



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events, along
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info for
individuals,
employees, and
supporters!**



Spring Fling!

Sponsored by the Social Committee



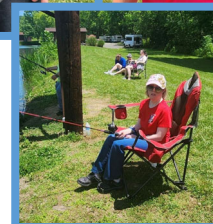
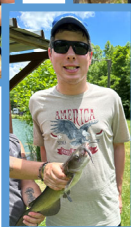
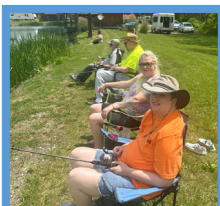
The Friends Aware Social Committee held its annual Spring Fling at the Baltimore Pike Firehall.

Individuals enjoyed a turkey dinner, and as always, danced their hearts out.

The next Social Committee event is the Annual Picnic, which will be held at the Alhambra Hall on Saturday, August 24th 12pm-3pm.



Fishing Thursdays!



On Thursday's our Meaningful Day Services program is given the opportunity to fish at Spring Valley. Thank you Spring Valley for making Fishing Thursdays possible!



Welcome!
New Employees
of Quarter 2

John Blake

- Community Living Assistant

Brianna Nelson

- Community Development Assistant

Steven Blank

- Residential Manager

Chatia Craze

- Community Living Assistant

Amy Twigg

- Community Living Assistant

Jared Grapes

- Community Living Assistant

Chase Martin

- Substitute

Nathan Gillon

- Community Living Assistant

Raven Pifer

- Community Living Assistant

Dayna Lashley

- Community Development Assistant

Kristen Baker

- Community Living Assistant

Starr Nicol

- Community Development Assistant

Jacqueline Rinehart

- Community Living Assistant

Shelly Washington

- Community Living Assistant

Employee Spotlight



Ember Fadley **Nursing Director**

I started my journey at Friends Aware back in July of 2010.

I currently live in Cumberland where I was born and raised with my husband, daughter, dog and 3 cats.

I worked as a sub/CMT/CLA until June of 2013. After graduating nursing school in December 2012, I worked in ICU for a year. Friends Aware had a nursing position come available in January of 2014.

I remember calling in to HR asking if they remembered me. I was scheduled to interview that day! When I started, I was one of the “babies”, now here we are 14 years later!! Friends Aware has always been like a second home. I have learned a lot both personally and professionally throughout my time here. This place just has a way of sucking you in, heart and soul, that is hard to describe, but if ya know, ya know!

Nursing has a unique position in that we work with most all areas of the agency. We train, and indirectly supervise all staff who work under our license providing direct care to the individuals we serve. Training is one of the aspects of my job that I truly enjoy, specifically training staff to become Certified Medication Technicians. Obtaining your CMT is an accomplishment, and I am happy to be apart of the staff’s success.

And of course, the individuals we support. I have probably learned the most from them. Nursing offers such a wide variety of opportunities overall, and in this field of delegating nursing, I get to wear many hats. I advocate, I listen, I encourage, I learn, I educate, and that looks different for each unique individual.

Employee Anniversaries

43 Years

Jane Eaton

32 Years

Gayle Nicol

25 Years

Wannetta Huff

24 Years

Dianne Dorsey

20 Years

Angela Rudd

15 Years

Lisa Williams

11 Years

Alexa Moses

10 Years

Cynthia Snyder

Gary Gaither

9 Years

Nikita Hall

8 Years

Carolyn Epps

Jennifer Price

7 Years

Ryan Dillon

6 Years

Carla Lambert

Rebecca Rank

3 Years

Megan Wetzell

Susan Willison

2 Years

Lester Mullenax

Kelli Lipscomb

Frank Vandivier

Anna Mattero

Dwayne Mongold

Krista McDonald

1 Year

Shelbi Taylor

Kayla Briner

Mary Houck

Renee Bean

In-Service Training Day



Our Meaningful Day Services Program held an in-service training day at the LEC. Trainings were included from the Nursing Department, fire safety with the Maintenance Department along with HR training.



\$70 for Our 70 Years!

We are holding a monthly employee drawing through December of 2024 giving employees a chance to win \$70!

Congratulations to our quarter 2 winners!

Joy Shelton
Carla Lambert
Joe Darr



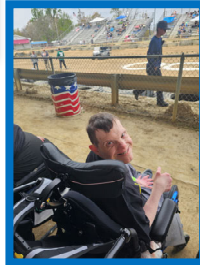
Activities

OUR MISSION!

Friends Aware provides people with diverse abilities the opportunities and support to live their best lives as valued members of the community.

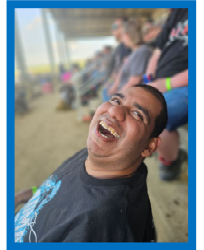


Residential Outings!



Scott and Tony had an opportunity to attend a Demolition Derby in Dunbar, PA.

They were accompanied by staff Jennifer Price and Tiffany Shook.



They spent 2 full days watching different heats, met a few of the drivers and had their picture taken with a driver.

Scott and Tony enjoyed meeting new people and they both plan to attend the Halloween derby in October.



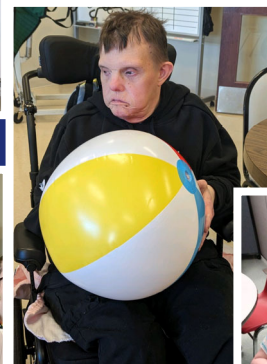
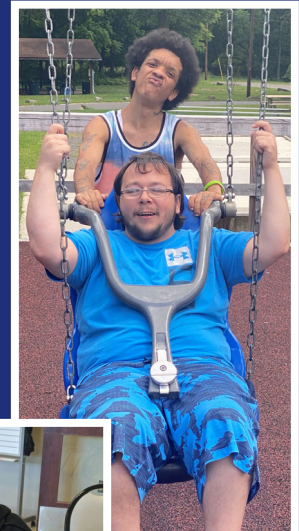
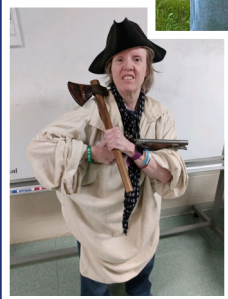
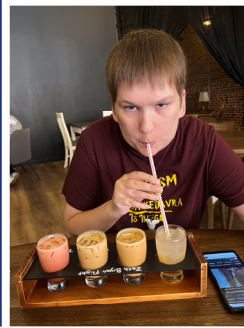
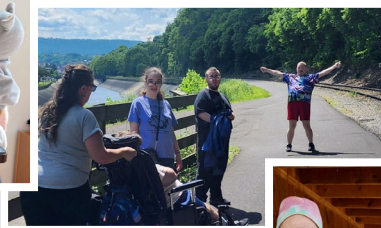
Paul enjoyed his birthday trip to Rocky Gap Casino!





Smiling Faces at Friends Aware!

We are enjoying
Summer!





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MACS Safety Award



For the 3rd consecutive year, FAI has received the Maryland Association of Community Services Safety Award!

Congratulations, team!



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